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In re application to :
Tetsu Takahashi, et al :
Serial No. 08/629,547 : PETITION TO WITHDRAW
Filed: April 9, 1996 : HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
For: CRANKSHIFT ASSEMBLY FOR :
INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE :

This is in response to the Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment filed March 3, 1999.

A review of the file record reveals that an office action was mailed on May 5, 1998 wherein a two month shortened statutory period to respond was set. An amendment was timely filed on July 1, 1998. That amendment apparently did not place the case in condition for allowance as evidenced by Interview Summaries dated August 31, 1998 and September 10, 1998. A supplemental amendment was filed on November 17, 1998. The application was held abandoned in the Notice of Abandonment mailed February 25, 1999. The examiner held that the supplemental amendment to respond to the Office action of May 5, 1998 was untimely since it was filed after the six month statutory period

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This application is being forwarded to the examiner via the Supervisory Legal Instruments Examiner for prompt consideration of the amendments filed July 1, 1998 and November 17, 1998.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

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